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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH: INFORMAL TOAST (VIETNAM)

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A SUGGESTED INFORMAL TOAST TO BE OFFERED IN RESPONSE BY DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH DURING DINNER EVENING OF MARCH 6 HOSTED BY RVN FOREIGN MINISTER VUONG VAN BAC:

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. FOREIGN MINISTER: THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE COURAGE AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIET-NAM TO DEFEND THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AGAINST CONTINUED AGGRESSION. WE ARE EQUALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE PATIENCE AND SKILL WITH WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT, DESPITE INTRANSIGENCE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SIDE, IS SEEKING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON IMPLEMENTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT. YOUR NEGOTIATORS HAVE RECENTLY MADE GENEROUS NEW PROPOSALS FOR THE FURTHER RELEASE OF PRISONERS WHICH THANKS TO YOUR PERSISTENCE AND DIPLOMATIC SKILL ARE NOW NEARLY COMPLETED. I REGRET THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS REBUFFED YOUR OFFER TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER, YOUR NEW PLAN FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS, AND YOUR PROPOSALS FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE CEASEFIRE. THESE INITIATIVES, WHICH I KNOW YOU WILL CONTINUE, DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD THAT SOUTH VIET-NAM WILL NOT BE DAUNTED IN ITS SEARCH FOR A JUST PEACE.

3. I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED TO SEE HOW STAUNCHLY YOUR
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GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ARE WORKING TO BUILD AN EXPANDING ECONOMY

WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BEARING A HEAVY BURDEN OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AGAINST THE THREAT OF A NEW NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE. NO PEOPLE HAS SHOWN GREATER COURAGE OR GREATER DETERMINATION. FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN AND LEARNED DURING MY STAY WITH YOU I SHALL GO HOME CONFIDENT OF THE SUCCESS OF YOUR CAUSE.

4. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ASKED ME TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES STANDS SQUARELY BEHIND THE EFFORTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO UPHOLD THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. AS IN THE PAST YOUR GOVERNMENT SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

5. I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. END TEXT
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